

Scroll Notification System and Method

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Abstract of the Disclosure

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If information in a display window is scrollable by a user-controllable element, a notification is generated to the device user. The scrollability notification function can be implemented in many different ways and in a variety of equipment, including an Internet appliance or a personal computer. In one embodiment, when a scrollable object is detected in a window on which the device user is focusing, a vertical and/or horizontal scroll wheel is illuminated to indicate that the window is scrollable in the corresponding direction(s). The scrollability notification function can be implemented in different ways, such as through the particular software application, through the operating system, or through a custom software module. A computer, a computer network, and methods for providing a scrollability notification to a computer user are also described.

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